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TAGS: ML, FR, EFIN

SUBJ: FRANCO-MALIAN MONETARY TALKS

REF: PARIS 1441

1. ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN 16 JANUARY 76
ISSUE OF THE MALI GOVT. DAILY L'ESSOR, FRENCH MINISTER OF
FINANCE, JEAN-PIERRE FOURCADE RECEIVED MALIAN MINISTER OF
FINANCE, FOUNEKE KEITA IN PARIS 14 JAN FOR THIRTY MINUTES TO
DISCUSS FRANCO-MALIAN "COOPERATION".

2. IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM THE L'ESSOR INTERVIEWER,
MR. KEITA SPECIFICALLY ANSWERED THAT "MALI IS PRESENTLY
EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETE REINTEGRATION WITH
THE WEST AFRICAN MONETARY UNION."

3. FYI-MALI LEFT THE FRANC ZONE IN JULY 1962 AND
ESTABLISHED ITS OWN CURRENCY. IN 1967, HOWEVER,
A NEW ACCORD WITH FRANCE GUARANTEED MF-FF CONVER-
TIBILITY BASED ON A FRENCH TREASURY GUARANTEE.

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4. RE PARA 7 REFTTEL, IMF REPRESENTATIVE LEFT BAMAKO LAST YEAR AFTER INCONCLUSIVE TALKS WITH GRM. WE UNDERSTAND HE BELIEVED SITUATION HAD NOT IMPROVED TO POINT WHERE IMF COULD PLAY A ROLE.

5. APPRECIATE REFTTEL.
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